



Government of Iraq Scholarship Programs

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Higher Committee for Education Development (HCED)

- Committee status under PM's office since 2009
- 1,000 scholarships per year for primarily graduate study in U.S., U.K., or Australia
- Competitive application process
- Fully funds Master's (2 years) or PhD (5 years) plus up to 1 year ESL abroad

Higher Committee for Education Development (HCED)

- Quotas for each province
- Quotas for priority study areas
- Application season Feb-March
- “Saturation” limits per university
- U.S. universities must be regionally accredited and offer conditional admission

Higher Committee for Education Development (HCED)

- Age limits
- Stipends for family members
- HCED Teams
 - Placement
 - Billing
 - Monitoring

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR)

- “10,000” scholarships
- Long-term degree granting scholarships for students, faculty, and ministry staff
- Short-term, research-focused scholarships for students and faculty

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR)

- Competitive selection process
- Age limits
- Funding through Iraqi Cultural Office in D.C.
- Scholarship recipients on their own for admission

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR)

- Priority areas: STEM, agriculture, public health, medical sciences, English as a Second Language
- Bilateral agreements for placement of some recipients at universities abroad
- Faculty Training Program (1-2 months)

HCED

- Competitive, top 25%
- Master's and PhD full-time study, plus ESL one year
- Open to all who qualify
- Age: 30 for Master's, 35 for PhD
- Sign financial guarantee
- Teams direct the process

MOHESR

- Competitive, top 30-35%
- Short-term and long-term study, research, and training
- Open to students, faculty, government employees
- Age: 40 for Master's, 45 for PhD
- Sign financial guarantee
- Student on his/her own

HCED

- Quotas for each province and for priority fields of study
- Funding through direct billing to HCED
- Master's: 2 years, +ESL
- PhD: up to 5 years, + ESL
- Students travel on a J-1

MOHESR

- Focus on STEM, agriculture, public health, English, medical sciences
- Funding through Iraqi Cultural Office in D.C. through students
- Master's: 2 years, + ESL
- PhD: 4 years (+1), + ESL
- Students travel on a J-1